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Boott Cotton Mills Museum Open Free to the Public September 20, 2003, National Public Lands Day

On September 20th, 2003, National Public Lands Day, Lowell National Historical Park will join with other units of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior bureaus, and the US Forest Service to waive fees to many of our nation's public lands and historic sites. On that day, all visitors to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, which is part of Lowell National Historical Park, will be admitted free.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 as Public Lands Appreciation Day. The program is sponsored by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation in Washington, D.C., a non-profit organization chartered by Congress in 1990 to develop and support environmental learning programs to meet social goals, and build partnerships among government, the private sector and non-governmental organizations

Since 1994, National Public Lands Day has dramatically and increasingly demonstrated Americans' concern for their public lands. The nine participating federal agencies sponsoring National Public Lands Day are the US Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Tennessee Valley Authority, and USDA Forest Service. Other event sponsors are approximately 125 state, county, and city governments, including state parks departments in Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

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